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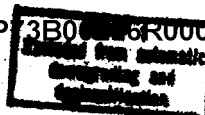
MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

SUBJECT : Opium Traffic and CIA

1. This memorandum is for your information and is forwarded at the instruction of Mr. Karamessines.
2. Mr. Andrew Tartaglino, BNDD's Assistant Director for Enforcement, telephoned me yesterday morning and complained about false statements concerning narcotic traffic in Southeast Asia attributed to Connecticut Congressman Robert Steele by Jack Anderson in his column of 5 May 1971.
3. Mr. Tartaglino explained that BNDD Director Ingersoll and he briefed Congressman Steele before Steele left Washington on his recent trip to Southeast Asia. BNDD also had their representative in Saigon brief him on the narcotics situation. Now BNDD reads statements attributed to Congressman Steele that are incorrect and clearly from other sources than BNDD.
4. I told Mr. Tartaglino that Congressman Steele may be incorrectly quoted. If not, he is making false charges against CIA.
5. Mr. Tartaglino is trying to arrange a meeting with Congressman Steele on 10 May 1971 so he can ask him if he has been misquoted. If he has not been, BNDD will ask him for any details and sources who can substantiate his charges. Mr. Tartaglino will tell him that BNDD has no information to support allegations that Air America is being used to transport narcotics.

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6. Mr. Tartaglino will take along to this meeting his Intelligence Chief, Mr. John Parker. This is a good move because Mr. Parker is one of BNDD's brightest and best informed officers, is noted for his candor, and will speak up about the excellent support that CIA gives BNDD across the board in their effort to suppress illegal drug traffic.

7. If the meeting with Congressman Steele takes place, I will send along Mr. Parker's account of it.

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cc: DDP
Asst to DCI-Mr. Goodwin
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